

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 9:30 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Elsenheimer, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Elsenheimer, Van Regenmortel, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stakoe. (1/11)

The Vice-Chair laid SB 1106 before the Committee.

SB 1106 Hammerstrom Family law; marriage and divorce; marriage license fee increase, submission of a marriage application electronically, and marriage license affidavit as a nonpublic record; provide for.

Teri Ambs, representing Senator Hammerstrom, spoke to the Committee regarding SB 1106. Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk-Register, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, also reviewed the contents of the bill with Committee members and indicated support for SB 1106.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, indicated a neutral position on the bill.

Ron Hicks, representing the Department of Human Services, submitted a card indicating support for SB 1106.

Representative Nitz made a motion to report SB 1106 with recommendation, supported by Representative Donigan.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (8/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (8/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Vice-Chair Elsenheimer laid HB 6694 before the Committee.

HB 6694 Hildenbrand Local government; bonds; prefunded retiree health care; provide for.

Representative Hildenbrand reviewed the provisions of HB 6694 with the Committee.

Richard Wendt, representing the City of Grand Rapids, spoke in support of HB 6694 and answered questions.

Vice-Chair Elsenheimer declared that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 10:20 a.m.

The Vice-Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Richard Barclay of the House Republican Policy staff further outlined the contents of HB 6694.

The following individuals also spoke in support of HB 6694:

Commissioner Eileen Kowall, representing the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Laurie Van Pelt, representing the Oakland County Department of Management and Budget

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties

Todd Tennis, representing the Michigan Association of Public Employment Retirement Systems

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League

Gregory Pitoniak, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, indicated a neutral position on HB 6694.

Cards for HB 6694 were submitted by:

Terry Vanderveen, representing the City of Wyoming, in support

Peter Ruddell, representing the Health Alliance Plan, in support

Jerry Griffin, representing the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget, in support

Kim Rhead, representing the Michigan Employees Retirement System, in support (if amended)

Representative Virgil Smith made a motion to adopt HB 6694 (H-1), supported by Representative Nitz.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (8/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (8/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Virgil Smith made a motion to report HB 6694 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative VanRegenmorter.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Nitz, Baxter, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (7/11)

Nays: Representative Robertson. (1/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (7/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Donigan made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Baxter. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Representative Vagnozzi made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2006, supported by Representative Nitz. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted as presented.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Vice-Chair Elsenheimer declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:55 a.m.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Vice-Chair

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